

**Town of Arlington Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
Symmes Transportation Subcommittee (STS)**

Wednesday, October 13, 2004

Town Hall Annex First floor Conference Room, 5:00 PM

STS members present: Ed Starr (Chair), Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Jeff Maxtutis, Kevin O'Brien

Others present: Sandi Bourgeois, Joe Curro

Administration

The minutes of 9/10/04, 9/13/04 and 9/18/04 were approved unanimously.

Plan for Symmes Transportation Tasks

Ed Starr distributed a draft Plan for Transportation Tasks for the Symmes Redevelopment project. The plan outlines the goals, deliverables, philosophy and specific tasks required for the TAC to complete its Symmes transportation obligations through the Special Permit process. Task 1 in the Plan, a list of possible mitigation measures, was also distributed.

Task 2. Analysis of the Summer Street Corridor from Mill to Brattle: Kevin O'Brien agreed to solicit the timing and sequencing information for the Summer Street / Brattle Street / Hemlock Street / Hospital Road intersection from Howard/Stein-Hudson (HSH). Ed Starr agreed to coordinate contact with Tri-State regarding the signal at the Summer Street / Mill Street / Cutter Hill Road intersection. Kevin O'Brien agreed to shepherd the Subcommittee's request through the Arlington Redevelopment Board (ARB) and Symmes Redevelopment Associates (SRA) for Tasks 2.1 - 2.4 to be undertaken by HSH.

Task 3. Revisit Trip Distribution, Trip Generation and Woodside Lane: Kevin O'Brien agreed to shepherd the Subcommittee's request through the ARB and SRA for Tasks 3.1, 3.2, 3.7 and 3.8 be undertaken by HSH. Elisabeth Carr-Jones reported that the Town Engineer had provided an estimate for the installation of curbing and a sidewalk on Woodside Lane between Hospital Road and Oak Hill Drive of approximately \$130 per linear foot, or approximately \$130,000 total. Jeff Maxtutis asked if post-construction traffic monitoring should be considered, in order to determine if the projections of traffic match expectations.

Task 4. Roadway Mitigations: The TAC will shoulder most of the responsibility for Task 4. Kevin O'Brien reported that the Superintendent of Schools had informed him that redistricting would probably place the entire Symmes site within the Stratton School District.

Task 5. Pedestrian and Bicycles: Elisabeth Carr-Jones mentioned the paper street between the Symmes site and Brattle Street at Millett Street. This access could prove beneficial for neighborhood pedestrians and cyclists to access the vista park and as a route to the Stratton School from the site. Ed Starr mentioned that there is also a paper street from Jeffrey Road to Yerxa Road that could be improved for the benefit of the neighborhood.

On motion, the Subcommittee voted to submit the Plan at the next ARB meeting. Since Ed Starr will not be available to attend the next scheduled ARB meeting on October 18th, Kevin O'Brien agreed to make the presentation with the assistance of Elisabeth Carr-Jones. Ed Starr agreed to provide an updated version of the Plan for posting on the TAC web site before Monday's ARB meeting. Kevin O'Brien agreed to request that HSH be represented at the next meeting of the Subcommittee, scheduled for Thursday, October 21st.

Kevin O'Brien reported that no specific dates had been set, but that the public hearing for the Symmes Special Permit will likely begin just before Thanksgiving and that the process is expected to take a couple of months. Kevin stated that it would be helpful if the TAC's draft recommendations were made sometime in December, allowing time for community response.

Elisabeth Carr-Jones agreed to collect the tasks and corrections from the TAC for HSH on their Transportation Overview and circulate them to the Subcommittee. Sandi Bourgeois reported that there would be an article in this week's Arlington Advocate regarding the Symmes Neighborhood Action Committee, and that there would be a list of names for the Committee presented at the October 26th ARB meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Handouts:

Draft Plan for Transportation Tasks: Symmes Special Permit and Symmes Mitigation List - from Ed Starr